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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph located on the next page (and at the above link) while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

**Level I: Description**

1. Can you describe what might be going on in this photograph?
2. Pick 2 things that stand out to you in this photograph.

**Level II: Interpretation**

1. Where might you find this important part of American history?
2. What do you think this might be a photograph of?

**Level III: Analysis**

1. How has transportation changed since this photograph was taken?
2. How does this photograph help you understand what you’ve read in your textbook on the canal systems in Ohio?